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AQSIQ Notice on Certificates for Frozen and Dehydrated Potato Product

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Report Highlights:

This is an UNOFFICIAL English translation of the People's Republic of China AQSIQ Notice on Certificates for US Potato Products and should be used as a guide only. Exporters should carefully discuss regulations and their application with Chinese importers to ensure that their interpretation of the regulation is accurate.

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Summary

China's State Administration for Quality Supervision, Inspection, and Quarantine (AQSIQ) issued General Correspondence Document No. 129 of 2002 on September 18, 2002. The notice was issued to local inspection and quarantine bureaus and provides instruction for handling documentation of U.S. exports of frozen french fries and dehydrated potatoes that arrive in China after October 1, 2002. This is an UNOFFICIAL English translation. The sample certificates mentioned in the translation are not available for inclusion in this report.

Notice on handling inspection of US exports of frozen french fries and dehydrated potatoes to China

Local Inspection and Quarantine Bureau:

Considering the features of potatoes that have been processed under high heat and then frozen or dehydrated and in reference to the international plant protection organization publication of principles on producing Plant Quarantine Certificates and following the consultations between the US and China, the Chinese side agrees that from October 1, 2002 the Certificate of Quality and Condition [see attached samples–NOT ATTACHED IN THIS REPORT] produced by the USDA AMS with regard to frozen french fries and dehydrated potatoes exported to China can be used. The Chinese side no longer requires the US side to produce the Certificate of Plant Inspection and Quarantine. Local quarantine bureaus handling the quarantine and inspection process should ask the agent or the purchaser to produce the Certificate of Quality and Condition for the aforementioned product that exited the US for China after October 1, 2002.

Attachment 1: Sample of Certificate of Quality and Condition for Frozen Fries

Attachment 2: Sample of Certificate of Quality and Condition for Dehydrated Potatoes

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